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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 3454 SENT SECSTATE FEB 26TH.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3454

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)
SUBJ: SADAT'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE US AND ARMS

1. IN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, HE NOTED PRESIDENT CARTER WILL MEET ASAD IN EUROPE AND CARPED FOR A WHILE THAT SADAT WILL HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON. WHY COULD A MEETING NOT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED IN EUROPE? I RECALLED HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT BE GOING TO EUROPE UNTIL THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN MAY. THE WHOLE IDEA WAS TO ARRANGE FOR SADAT TO MEET PRESIDENT CARTER FIRST; HENCE, THE SUGGESTION OF EARLY APRIL IN WASHINGTON. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT SADAT WAS PLEASED ABOUT THE INVITATION. FAHMY AGREED, BUT AGAIN GRUMBLED THAT THE
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TRIP TO WASHINGTON IS A LONG WAY.

2. THE ABOVE WAS FAHMY'S PEG ON WHICH TO HANG A PITCH THAT SOMETHING TANGIBLE SHOULD COME OUT OF THE VISIT IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT WILL NOT HELP, HE ARGUED, IF SADAT SIMPLY GOES TO HEAR OUR VIEWS ON THE ME PEACE PROCESS AND NOTHING MORE

COME OUT OF THE TRIP. FAHMY URGED THAT WE THINK OF SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE DONE IN THE BILATERAL FIELD AND, PREDICTABLY, MENTIONED THE FACT THAT SADAT WILL RAISE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER THE ARMS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY F5E'S. HE WONDERED WHAT THE PROSPECTS MIGHT BE OF SOMETHING TANGIBLE BEING WORKED OUT ON ARMS. HE RECALLED THAT SADAT HAD MENTIONED THIS TO THE SECRETARY.

3. I SAID I COULD GIVE HIM NO ANSWER ON THIS POINT. AS HE KNEW, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS ANXIOUS TO REDUCE ARMS SALES TO THE ENTIRE ME AREA AND IS STILL FORMULATING ITS DETAILED POLICY. FAHMY RESPONDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CLUSTER BOMB SALE TO ISRAEL HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED, WE STILL PLAN TO PROVIDE 155 MILIMETER HORWITZERS AND OTHER HEAVY WEAPONS TO ISRAEL. HE URGED THAT WE BALANCE THESE ARMS SALES BY SOME F5E'S FOR EGYPT, AND ASKED THAT I REPORT HIS COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARY.

4. I AGREED TO SO SO, BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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